

REMARKS CONCERNING CLAIM REJECTION

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for reviewing the response to the first office action filed on April 14, 2005. In addition, applicants wish to thank the examiner for his constructive assistance and suggestions pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.03(d) and § 707.07(j).

In section No. 8 of the Final Office Action, examiner has presented four sets of arguments and responses. These four sets have been labeled A through D as a convenient way to refer to each one individually.

In set A, examiner has again rejected claim 1 based on Fiene ('567 B1), and in particular cites Figure 13 of Fiene. Fiene teaches an invention of a luminaire that is fire-rated, lightweight, field-assembled luminaries for suspended ceilings in particular. (col 1, lines 15 to 17). Fiene has a single unit structure comprising a reflector design/main structure that is in the shape of a truncated pyramid, which is clearly shown in Figure 13. At no time, in the Figures or in the specification, does Fiene refer to his invention as a modular fluorescent light fixture. The current application is composed of a 5-sided box in the shape of a parallelepiped and with a spectral reflector as a separate structure attached to the 5-sided box, with the reflector in the shape of a dual compound hyperbolic reflector. In addition, the sockets are attached to a separate structure, namely a socket support. A more complete analysis is contained in the First Office Action response. It can be concluded by this brief comparison that the structure of the two disclosures are very different.

In set B, examiner recites the commonality of T5 lamps between Fiene and the current application. Claim 1 has been amended to remove any reference to T5 lamps.

In set C, examiner has called attention to the fact that neither claim 2 or claim 3 recites the limitation the placement of two 2x2 light fixtures next to each other could make a 2x4 troffer. The claim has been amended to reflect this oversight. In addition, examiner has called attention to Figure 4 of Fiene as disclosing light fixtures next to each other. A careful examination of Figure 4 clearly shows the light fixtures arranged in a checkerboard fashion and not located or installed or attached to each other to take two 2x2 fixtures and install them immediately next to one another to make a 2x4 troffer.

Furthermore, neither in the specification or illustrated in the drawings is this shown or claimed.

In set D, examiner has called attention to the fact that applicants had noted in the First Office Action of the difference in reflectance between the reflector of Fiene and the current application. To make the claims show the requirement for a reflectance of 95% for the reflector, claim 4 has been modified as has been claim No. 1. Numerous arguments were presented in the First Office Action as to why the use of the dual compound hyperbolic reflector is non-obvious. These arguments still hold true. To add to the list of reasons for not combining Fiene with Wordin is the fact that Fiene already has a reflector, why add another reflector of different design that would destroy the stackability a concept so important and fundamental to Fiene!

Examiner is asked to review all the information presented in the First Office Action and review Figure 4 of Fiene that shows the light fixtures alternating with acoustic tiles and Figure 13 of Fiene which shows a break-out assembly diagram of a SINGLE fixture, not two fixtures combined in a synergistic way as taught in the present application.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

New Matter Statement

Applicants declare that no new matter has been added by this amendment to the patent application per 37 CFR § 1.121(f)

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, applicants submit that the specification, drawings and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore they submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action they respectfully solicit.

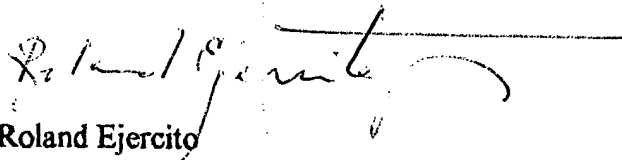
Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

Applicants have amended the specification and claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure, which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicants respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.03(d) and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Very respectfully,



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